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Subj: Holms, Richard McGarragh

Address: D.C. Md. Pa. N.H. Mass.  
N.Y. Ind.

Birthdate: 3-30-78 SUPV: \_\_\_\_\_

Misc:\_\_\_\_\_

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HELMS, RICHARD MC GILVER

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1110 - 8475253, ✓

HELMS, RICHARD M

100-111-400;

## HELMS, RONALD

110-0-0-21705,

Rec'd from CCC 12/4/49

Subj: Helms, "Dick"Address: D.C. Md. Pa. N.H. Mass.Birthdate: 3-30-13 SUPV: H.G. Ind.

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FILE NUMBER SERIALSNo 2 - 73428-15.62-75147-8-1 13/13/18/19

Subj: Helm, "Rich"Address: D.C. Md. Pa. N.H. Mass.  
N.Y. Ind.Birthdate: 8-30-'18 SUPV: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

SAC, Washington

January 30, 1948

Director, FBI

RICHARD MC CAFFRAH HELMS  
APPLICANT  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent William E. Trainor, Jr. dated at Washington, D. C., January 5, 1948.

On page four information is set forth to the effect that the name, William Cary, appears on the expired list of the Washington Bookshop Association. It cannot be determined from the report whether or not he is identical with William L. Cary, applicant's friend. It is noted that applicant's friend has a middle initial L. and is a professor of law at Northwestern University, whereas a review of the report of Special Agent John A. Swartz dated April 18, 1944 in the Washington Bookshop investigation reflects that the William Cary who is in the Washington Bookshop resides at 237 Park Street, Newton, Massachusetts.

On page five information is set out that Edward F. Pritchard was on the membership list of the American Peace Mobilization. Nothing is set out to identify this Pritchard as being the same Edward Pritchard mentioned as a friend of the applicant.

On page seven there is set out information that Mrs. Thomas W. Holland was on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. The implication is that Mrs. Thomas W. Holland is identical with Mrs. Varian W. Holland whose comments regarding her friendship with the applicant and his wife are set forth in the report. However, this identity is not definitely established.

Regarding the three above-mentioned situations, it is requested that you attempt to definitely establish the questioned identities by a thorough review of field office files, use of other sources readily available in the field office such as the City Directory, Telephone Directory, and any other means which do not entail an extensive investigation. In the case of Pritchard, it is felt that reference to the Martindale Hubbell may aid in establishing the identity.

On page six there is set out information regarding W. Graham Claytor to the effect that he was registered with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act of June 8, 1938 as amended. However, no statement is made regarding the principal for whom Claytor registered. This information should be obtained from the State Department.

The above investigation should be conducted and the necessary information submitted to the Bureau by letter as soon as possible for inclusion in Special Agent Trainor's report.

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Date:

December 6, 1947

To: SAC,

Washington

From: Director, FBI

RE SPECIAL DELIVERY

Subject:

APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

RICHARD A. LARSEN, H. 126

You are requested to conduct a thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, reputation, patriotism and loyalty of the above-named individual. Instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 49, dated September 27, 1946, must be observed in connection with this investigation. It will be necessary to furnish leads to auxiliary offices by teletype, but teletype summaries to the Bureau are not desired. The original and two copies of the reports are required. This case is to be assigned IMMEDIATELY and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted AIRMAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY, where proper, by

December 22, 1947.

Address:

105 E. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, 15, Maryland

Birth date:

Birthplace: March 30, 1913

St. David, Pa.

It is desired that the records of FBI, KKK, State Department, CSC and House Committee on Un-American Activities be reviewed for any information concerning the applicant.

Applicant states issued U.S. passport #9746 on June 28, 1946 at Washington, D. C.; passport #100453 on May 14, 1931, renewed May 6, 1936; and passport #11315 on May 2, 1929, renewed April 23, 1931. Verify.

Investigate and report on the following:

Ascertain reputation of wife in the community.

Military Service: Applicant served in U.S. Navy from July 1, 1942 to March 19, 1946. Serial number 170591.

Deployment: Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), 2430 Z St., N. W., Wash., D. C. as branch chief from Oct 10, 1946 to present.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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SAC, Washington

Reference: Frank G. Wisner, Dept. of State, Washington, D.C.

Social Acquaintances: Carl McGowan, Southern Bldg., Wash., D.C. Adrian S. Fisher, Dept. of Commerce, Wash., D.C. Coburn Kidd, Dept. of State, Wash., D.C. C. H. Pope, Munsey Bldg., Wash., D.C. W. T. M. Beale, Dept. of State, Wash., D.C.

Neighbors: Stephen B. L. Penrose, 7100 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase, Md. B. T. Ansell, 107 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Md. James H. McIllothlin, 33 E. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Previous Residences: 105 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Md. from March, 1946 to present. 2620 Foxhall Rd., Wash., D. C. from Aug. 1943 to Jan. 1945, part-time.

#### PHILADELPHIA

Verify date and place of birth given above.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

Relatives: [redacted]

[redacted] Ascertain reputation in the community.

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Employment: Indianapolis Times Publishing Co., 214 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis, Ind. as national adv. manager from April, 1937 to Feb. 1942.

Previous Residences: 321 E. 59th St., Indianapolis, Ind. from Aug. 1940 to Feb. 1942. 4030 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. from Sept. 1939 to Aug. 1940. 4014 (7) Winthrop Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. from fall, 1937 to Sept. 1939. Indianapolis Athletic Club, Indianapolis, Ind. from April, 1937 to fall, 1937.

#### NEWARK

Relatives: Herman Henry Adolf Helms, father; Marion McCarrah Helms, mother; Gates McCarrah Helms, brother, all 295 Tillou Rd., South Orange, N. J. Ascertain reputation in the community.

Education: Carteret Academy, Carteret N.J., Orange, N. J. from 1920 to 1929.

Previous Residences: 364 Fairview Ave., Orange, N. J. from April, 1943 to March, 1946. 562 Irving Terrace, South Orange, N. J. from Feb. 1942 to April, 1943. 295 Tillou Rd., South Orange, N. J. from 1920 to 1935.

#### ALBANY

Relatives: Elizabeth Helms Allen, sister, 54 Chestnut St., Cooperstown, N. Y. Ascertain reputation in the community.

#### BOSTON

Education: Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. from 1931 to 1935, received B. A. Degree. Applicant previously attended Le Rosey School, Rolle, Vaud, Switzerland from 1929 to 1930 and Realgymnasium, Freiburg, Germany from 1930 to 1931. Review transcripts if on file at Williams College.

Reference: John G. Gailfuss, 1 Federal St., Boston, Mass.

Applicant states is member of Phi Kappaappa, Williams Chapter, Williamstown, Mass.; and Gargyle Society, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

SAC, Washington

NEW YORK

Employment: Navy Relief Society, Fifth Ave. at 57th St., New York, N. Y. from Feb. 1942 to May, 1942. United Press Associations, Daily News Bldg., New York, N. Y. as staff correspondent from Sept. 1935 to March, 1937.

References: Allen W. Dulles, 46 Wall St., New York, N. Y. John W. Gardner, Carnegie Corp., 522 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. Mark Ferras, 230 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

ST. PAUL

Relative: Rowland Pearsall Helms, brother, Route 4, Wayzata, Minn. Ascertain reputation in the community.

BALTIMORE

This applicant is identical with the subject of your file 100-12391. It is desired that the entire file be reviewed and all pertinent information included in a current investigative report. Particular care should be exercised to insure that the identity of the informant is protected and to insure that it is not apparent that at the time the applicant investigation was initiated Helms was the subject of a pending security matter investigation.

ALL OFFICES

It has been alleged that as an official of OSS, Helms has withheld information of an anti-Communist nature and that he has pro-Communist leanings. Be particularly alert to determine if applicant has any foreign sympathies.

THIS CASE MUST BE ASSIGNED FOR IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION AND REPORTS SUBMITTED AS SOON AS THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc-Indianapolis

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Date: February 19, 1948

CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Director of Central Intelligence  
107 Central Building  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Investigations Branch

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RICHARD MCGARRAH ILLINOIS  
Tour File 7190

There are transmitted herewith the following reports covering the investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-captioned individual:

Report of Special Agent William D. Trainor, dated January 5, 1948 at  
Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Elmer Patterson, dated December 20, 1947 at  
Indianapolis.

Report of Special Agent Donald J. Steele, dated December 22, 1947  
at Indianapolis.

Report of Special Agent James J. Farrell, dated December 17, 1947  
at Newark.

Report of Special Agent Howard F. Cummings, dated December 20, 1947  
at Albany.

Report of Special Agent George A. Fallon, dated December 20, 1947  
at Boston.

Report of Special Agent James J. Galt, Jr., dated December 18, 1947  
at New York.

Report of Special Agent Walter A. Langenheim, dated December 30, 1947  
at New York.

Report of Special Agent Robert A. Wick, dated December 15, 1947 at  
St. Paul.

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Report of Special Agent Vernon C. Pampell, dated December 20, 1947 at Houston.

Report of Special Agent William D. Chappars, dated January 5, 1948 at New Haven.

Report of Special Agent Robert L. Vanagoner, dated December 11, 1947 at Baltimore.

Report of Special Agent Wayne G. Hunt, dated December 10, 1947 at Philadelphia.

Enclosure

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RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, APPLICANT CIG. SERVED AS LIEUTENANT J.G. IN  
NAVY CONVOY AND ROUTING, EASTERN SEA FRONTIER, NEW YORK, AUGUST  
FORTYTWO TO AUGUST FORTYTHREE UNDER CAPTAIN LOUIS CALOTT FARLEY,  
USNR, RETIRED, ONE FIVE TWO BROAD STREET, WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT.  
BUREAU ADVISES APPLICANT ALLEGED TO HAVE PROCOMMUNIST LEANINGS AND  
REQUESTS PARTICULAR ALERTNESS TO DETERMINE ANY FOREIGN SYMPATHIES.  
DEADLINE PAST.

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*g. R.*

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DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

RICHARD MC GARRAH <sup>2</sup>HEING, APPLICANT CIG. REPORTED DECEMBER SIX  
LAST. APPLICANT STATIONED AT HEADQUARTERS OF EASTERN SEA  
FRONTIER AUGUST TWENTY-NINE FORTY-TWO TO AUGUST ELEVEN FORTY-  
THREE. SUGGEST GARDNER STOUT OF DOMINIC AND DOMINIC OF WALL  
STREET BE CONTACTED FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING  
APPLICANT. STOUT FORMERLY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER AT ESF.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS  
APPLICANT  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

DATE: February 6, 1948

Reference Bureau letter to SAC, Washington Field Office dated January 30, 1948, and report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., dated January 5, 1948 at Washington, D. C. The following supplementary information is submitted concerning referenced report:

WILLIAM L. CARY, page four: Report of Special Agent JOHN A. SWARTZ dated April 18, 1944, Washington, D. C. lists one WILLIAM CARY, 237 Park Street, Newton, Massachusetts, as a member of the Washington Bookshop Association with dues paid to May 28, 1942. [A search of directories for the District of Columbia for the years 1941 and 1942 disclosed WILLIAM L. CARY, Attorney, Department of Justice, residing at 2301 North Uhle Street, Arlington, Virginia. Inquiry through the personnel files of the Department of Justice reflected that Mr. WILLIAM L. CARY attended Harvard University, School of Business Administration from September, 1936 to July, 1938. There are no residences reflected for Mr. WILLIAM L. CARY during his attendance at Harvard University.]

EDWARD F. PRICHARD, page five: The report of Special Agent T. W. DANSEY dated January 21, 1941, Washington, D. C. lists one EDWARD F. PRICHARD, Lawyer, residing at 2301 North Uhle Street, Arlington, Virginia, on the active indices of the American Peace Mobilization. A search of directories for the District of Columbia reflects that in 1941 EDWARD F. PRICHARD, Special Attorney to the Attorney General resided at 2301 North Uhle Street, Arlington, Virginia.

On page two of referenced report in the interview with Mr ADRIAN S. FISHER, it is noted that the bachelor residence at 2620 Foxhall Road, N. W. was called "Hockley". Mr. FISHER had advised the writer that the same bachelor group had resided at "Hockley" in Virginia, but could not recall the address. This was of no significance in instant investigation as Mr. FISHER advised that the applicant had never resided with the group at "Hockley" in Virginia.

Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND, page nine: Mrs. MARION M. HOLLAND was interviewed at 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, which is situated directly to the rear of the applicant's home. The Washington Telephone Directory lists THOMAS W. HOLLAND at this address. A search of the city directories for the District reflected the following:

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Letter to the Director, FBI

February 6, 1948

- 1938 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, (MARION), Labor Department, resides at 1237 31st Street, N. W.
- 1939 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Labor Department, Resides at 1237 31st Street, N. W.
- 1940 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Labor Department, Resides at 1237 31st Street, N. W.
- 1941 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND (MIRIAM), Section Chief, Labor Department, Resides 6314 33rd Street, N. W.
- 1942 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Res. Director, Department of Labor, Resides at 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.
- 1943 - THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Division Chief, W.R.A., Resides at 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

✓ In view of the fact that no other THOMAS W. HOLLAND is listed there is a strong probability of identity. It is noted that there is a slight variance in spelling the given name of Mrs. HOLLAND

✓ The report of Special Agent T. W. DAWSEY dated January 21, 1941, Washington, D. C., lists Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND, 6314 33rd Street, N. W. on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and contains a photostatic copy of a membership index card.

*Sweden* W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, page six: Mr. W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR is an associate of the law firm Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb, 701 Union Trust Building, 15th and H. Streets, N. W. In regard to Mr. CLAYTOR's registration as an agent of a foreign principal, reference is made to Washington Field letter to the Bureau dated February 7, 1941, regarding Agents of Foreign Principals, Registration Act, Internal Security, which reflects that photostatic copies of Registration Statement Abstracts were transmitted to the Bureau as enclosures to this letter. This information is not available in the Washington Field Office.

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SAC, Washington

Dec. 11, 1947

SAC, Baltimore

RICHARD MCCARRAH HELMS

APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

ReBurlot 12/6/47 requesting this office to review the Security Matter - C file relative to applicant in a current investigative report in the above-captioned case.

A review of this file reflects that the pertinent information contained therein is reflected in the report of SA J. RICHARD BUTTS, at Miami, dated 10/18/47. Accordingly, the report forwarded to the Bureau by this office is limited to the allegations of the informant relative to applicant's activities while serving with OSS in Berlin, Germany.

The background information obtained by the Washington Office in the report of SA OLIVER B. JONES, dated 9/17/47 at Washington, and the results of investigation conducted by this office as reflected in the report of SA MAURICE H. FOLEY, dated 8/6/47 at Baltimore, were not included in the Baltimore report since all of this information is set out as investigative leads for the Washington Division in reference Bureau letter and is available to the Washington Division, which has copies of these reports.

The only information not available to the Washington Division is that contained in the closing report of SA FOLEY, dated 11/10/47 at Baltimore, reflecting the results of a 60-day mail cover placed on the home of the applicant. For the information of the Washington Division the names of persons obtained from the mail cover were checked through the Baltimore Office indices with negative results, with the exception of the name of DAVID D. BRANSTEN, who has corresponded with HELMS and resides at 3703 Morrison Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Confidential Informant #C-40, of the Baltimore Office, advised on October 26, 1946, that RUTH FOX and DOROTHY ROSE FLUNBERG, who were officers of the Communist Party of Maryland - D. C. at that time, indicated that SOL (phonetic) had called on RUTH FOX and had advised her he was unable to get hold of DON BRANSTEN. From information available from this informant it appeared that DON BRANSTEN might possibly be a veteran whom SOL had attempted to contact but could not reach, but the informant had no information which would assist in identifying BRANSTEN.

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It is being left to the discretion of the Washington Division in connection with the instant investigation as to whether or not efforts should be made to ascertain the activities of DONALD D. BREWSTER and the possibility that he may be identical with the subject of the conversation between RUTH FOX and DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG.

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cc Bureau ✓  
(118-2978)

NEW YORK, N. Y.  
DECEMBER 16, 1947

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WASHINGTON FIELD - URGENT

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, APPLICANT CIA. REGULET DECEMBER SIXTH LAST.

INTERVIEW FELD OCHSNER FORMERLY CENTRAL EUROPEAN MANAGER UNITED PRESS,  
WHO WAS APPLICANT'S SUPERIOR IN BERLIN, GERMANY, NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE TO  
NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. OCHSNER'S PRESENT ADDRESS CAN BE SECURED THROUGH  
WASHINGTON OFFICE SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWSPAPERS.

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NEW YORK, N.Y.  
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INDIANAPOLIS - URGENT

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, APPLICANT CIA. RESULET DECEMBER SIXTH. APPLICANT'S  
WIFE, JULIA BRETZMAN, DIVORCED FROM FRANK SHIELDS, FORMERLY PRESIDENT BARBASOL  
COMPANY, INDIANAPOLIS. SHIELDS DECEASED. BRETZMAN FAMILY REPORTED AS  
SOCIALY PROMINENT IN INDIANAPOLIS.

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HOUSTON - URGENT

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, APPLICANT CIA. INTERVIEW GEORGE HAWKINS,  
EDITORIAL STAFF, HOUSTON PRESS WHO HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS CLOSE FRIEND  
OF APPLICANT. HAWKINS' FATHER IS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD SCRIPPS HOWARD  
NEWSPAPERS. BUREAU ADVISES THAT ALLEGATIONS MADE THAT APPLICANT WHILE  
AN OFFICIAL OF OSS WITHHELD INFORMATION OF ANTI COMMUNIST NATURE AND  
HAS PRO COMMUNIST LEANINGS. BE ALERT TO DETERMINE FOREIGN SYMPATHIES.  
DEADLINE DECEMBER TWENTY SECOND.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 118-720 AG

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-10-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-9-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WAYNE G. HUNT</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT-CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Applicant born 3-30-13 in Radnor Twp., Delaware Co., Pa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-MUG-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau File #118-2978 Bureau letter to Washington Field December 6, 1947.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Harrisburg, Pa.</u> Records of the Pennsylvania State bureau of Vital Statistics reflect that RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS was born on 3-30-13 in Radnor Township, Delaware Co., Pa., the son of HERMAN HENRY ADOLF HELMS and MERION McGARRAH. Both parents were born in New York.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RELEASED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN-</p>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> NO STATISTICS FEB 27 9 50 AM '48 FBI STAT. SECTION </div> <div> <p>AGENCY <i>14 copy</i> <i>10 Phila. House &amp; State Dept</i></p> <p>REQ. REC'D <i>12/10/47</i></p> <p>REP'T FORW. <i>12/22/47</i></p> <p>BY <i>[Signature]</i></p> </div> </div>			
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **118-982**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/11/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/11/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT L. VAN WAGONER</b> <span style="float: right;">PHC</span>
TITLE <b>RICHARD MCGARRAH HELLS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Confidential informant advised that applicant while serving as official of OSS withheld information of an anti-Russian and anti-Communist nature from effective channels and because of this is considered pro-Communist.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">             AGENCY <u>118-982-1</u>              REQ. REC'D <u>12/11/47</u>              REP'T FORW. <u>12/11/47</u>              BY <u>118-982-1</u> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau file 118-2978.</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Bureau letter to Washington Field, dated 12/6/47.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">The files of this office reflect that Confidential Informant T-1, [redacted] advised an agent of this Bureau that applicant while serving as an officer in the Office of Strategic Services at Berlin, Germany, along with other officials of OSS in Germany received reports which were in their contents derogatory to Russia and Russian satellite countries. Applicant and these other officials placed these reports in the "Not Used" files of OSS, thus eliminating them from effective use and depriving officials of OSS in Washington, D. C., of such intelligence. This informant alleged that the information was valuable and should have been forwarded promptly to Washington, D. C.</p>			
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Based upon this action the informant has alleged that the applicant and the other officials, although being too intelligent to associate themselves with the Communist Party, are actually pro-Russian and pro-Communist in their sympathies. He alleged that applicant, although pro-Communist, was however, never as dangerous as the other officials. He furnished no other information from which it could be concluded that applicant entertained sympathies for the Russian cause or Communist Party activities.

(The files of this office fail to reflect any other information indicating such sympathies or reflecting against the applicant's character, reputation, associates, or loyalty.)

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Confidential Informant #T-1



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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW HAVEN, CONN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-5-48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/26; 1/2, 5/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM D. CHAPPERS</b>
TITLE  <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Captain LOUIS CALOTT FARLEY, USNR, retired, states applicant of excellent character and morals. Absolutely trustworthy with no Communist leanings of any kind.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Teletype from Washington Field dated December 23, 1947</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT</u></p> <p>Captain LOUIS CALOTT FARLEY, USNR, retired, 152 Broad Street, was interviewed on January 5, 1948 at which time he stated he had known applicant since the latter was a child. He indicated that applicant and his (FARLEY) sons were practically brought up together and were close friends. Applicant's grandfather McGARRAH, was formerly head of the International Bank. Applicant is supposed to have traveled extensively, particularly in France and Germany and, according to FARLEY, speaks German and French as well as English.</p> <p>FARLEY described applicant as possessing excellent habits, character and morals and a brilliant man. He stated he would trust applicant with confidential matters of any kind and, so far as he knew, applicant did not possess any <u>Communist</u> leanings of any type. He indicated that applicant's family background was not the type that would be conducive to fostering of <u>Communist</u> sympathies. It should be noted,</p>			
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however, that FARLEY's last contact with applicant was when the latter worked under FARLEY doing Naval routing work in New York City in 1942 and 1943.

With reference to applicant's wife, FARLEY advised that his acquaintance with her was purely social and indicated that she was a divorcee, her first marriage being to a man from the middle West. He described her as a brilliant person about whom he could furnish no specific details except his general opinion that she was a loyal American citizen with no Communist tendencies.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Houston, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-20-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-18, 19-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>VERNON C. PALPELL</b> <span style="float: right;">fg</span>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mr. GEORGE HAWKINS, member of the editorial staff of the "Houston Press", Houston newspaper, and Mr. JOHN SCOTT HARRISON, III, both former schoolmates of HELMS, recommend highly. Both state he is thoroughly loyal and patriotic to U.S. Government. No derogatory information.

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**REFERENCE:**

New York City teletype, 12-16-47.

AGENCY 2-11-48

REQ. REC'D 12-21-47

REP'T FORW. 12-21-47

BY 12-21-47

**DETAILS:**

At Houston, Texas

Mr. GEORGE HAWKINS, member of the editorial staff of the "Houston Press", a Houston newspaper, advised he has known Applicant since about 1930 when they were fraternity brothers in Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. He advised that since 1930 he had kept in touch with Applicant through occasional visits and correspondence. Mr. HAWKINS stated he and his father were responsible for Applicant's previous employment with the United Press news agency and the newspaper "Indianapolis Times". He stated he would recommend Applicant without reservation from the standpoint of loyalty, patriotism, honesty, and integrity. He stated he would recommend Applicant more highly and without any reservations above any friends or acquaintances that he had known.

Mr. HAWKINS stated he last visited with Applicant in February, 1947 in New York City, at which time Applicant very carefully avoided any discussion of intelligence matters on which Applicant was engaged during World War II while with the U.S. Navy and O.S.S.

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Mr. HAWKINS stated that Applicant has strong political affiliations throughout the country due chiefly to his family background. He further informed that Applicant had served in the U.S. Navy under Commander FARLEY who was in charge of Operations, Convoy and Routing on the Eastern Seaboard, during 1941 and 1942.

Mr. JOHN SCOTT HARRISON, III, salesman with the American Indemnity Company, 536 Bankers Mortgage Building, advised he had known Applicant very intimately two years during college terms of 1931, 1932, and 1933, while they were attending Williams College and while both were members of the fraternity Chi Psi. He advised Applicant was president of this fraternity and was probably one of the most outstanding students ever graduated from this college. He stated he has corresponded intermittently with Applicant since 1933, and he could think of no person whom he could recommend more highly. He stated that in his opinion Applicant was thoroughly trustworthy, loyal and patriotic to the U.S. Government, and could be trusted with any top secret information concerning the United States.

Mr. HARRISON also mentioned that Applicant has strong political backing because of his family background. Mr. HARRISON predicted that Applicant would one day be the Secretary of State of the United States.

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ADDENDUM

By teletype of December 20, 1947, the New York City Office was advised of the fact that Applicant had served in the U.S. Navy under Commander FARLEY, Operations, Convoy and Routing, Eastern Seaboard, during 1941 and 1942, and it was suggested that Commander FARLEY be interviewed regarding his knowledge of Applicant.

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**ST. PAUL** FILE NO. 118-297

REPORT MADE AT <b>ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12, 13/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT E. WICK</b>	<b>LKO</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Postal officers, merchants, and police advise that RICHARD HELMS' brother is well regarded in the community, believed to be loyal to this country, and to enjoy an excellent character and reputation.

AGENCY *Ind. to House*  
 REQ. REC'D *12/17/47*  
 REP'T FORW. *12/17/47*  
 - RUC BY *Wagner*

**REFERENCE** Bureau File #118-2978

Letter from the Bureau to the Washington Field Office dated December 6, 1947

**DETAILS**

FRED E. LINS COG, clerk in the Wayzata, Minnesota Post Office since 1932, advised that he has known ROWLAND PERSALL HELMS for several years (at least since 1934) and regards him as a loyal citizen of this country. He stated that HELMS resides in his own home at 19 Fox Street, Wayzata, on Route 4, and is employed by Cargill, Inc., an elevator firm. So far as is known, said FR. LINS COG, his credit rating is good in Wayzata.

ARNOLD Z. BODEGEL, grocer at Wayzata, Minnesota, advised that ROWLAND HELMS trades occasionally at his store but that he did not know too much of his personal life. He stated, however, that he knew of no information of a derogatory nature concerning him and believed him to enjoy a good reputation in the community.

Chief of Police W. A. HOLMBERG, Wayzata, Minnesota, advised that his records contain no mention of ROWLAND HELMS and that he knows him to be an up-right member of the community.

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MR. KIRBY NORRBOHM of the Minneapolis Credit Bureau, Palace Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised ROWLAND HELMS enjoys a good credit rating.

The Minneapolis Police Department records contain no mention of ROWLAND PEARSALL HELMS.

The indices of the St. Paul Office are negative on both RICHARD MCGARRAN HELMS and his brother, ROWLAND PEARSALL HELMS.

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NY FILE NO. 118-1435 DMCK

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/30/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/26/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER A. WANGENHEIM</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mr. GARDNER STOUT, 14 Wall St., NYC, associated with applicant during 1942 and 1943 at Naval Headquarters of Eastern Sea Frontier. Recommends applicant as to character, reputation and patriotism.

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**REFERENCE:**

Washington Field teletype, 12/22/47.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. GARDNER STOUT of the Dominick and Dominick Brokerage Company, 14 Wall Street, New York, New York, stated that applicant was assistant operations officer under his command at the United States Naval Headquarters of the Eastern Sea Frontier during 1942 and 1943. STOUT advised applicant was a man who was completely trustworthy and loyal. He added that his duties involved very confidential information and never was there any question as to his being trusted with same. STOUT stated that he would recommend applicant without reservation as a man of fine character and a completely loyal and patriotic American.

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ADDENDUM

By teletype of December 20, 1947, the New York City Office was advised of the fact that Applicant had served in the U.S. Navy under Commander FARLEY, Operations, Convoy and Routing, Eastern Seaboard, during 1941 and 1942, and it was suggested that Commander FARLEY be interviewed regarding his knowledge of Applicant.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/18/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/14,16,17/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES J. SWIFT, JR.</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGAREAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT-CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

References, ALLEN W. DULLES, JOHN W. GARDNER and MARK FERREE, consider applicant to be of excellent character and know of no disloyal or un-American activities on his part. Applicant was employed by UNITED PRESS as staff correspondent in Germany from about 1935 to 1937. No record of applicant's employment with NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY. Records of Credit Bureau and Police Dept. contain no information regarding applicant.

AGENCY *White House Staff Sgt.*  
REQ. REC'D *11/19/47*  
REP'T FORW. *12/22/47*  
BY *Burgin, Susan*

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 118-2978  
Bureau letter to Washington Field, 12/6/47

**DETAILS:**

**EMPLOYMENT**

Investigation to locate the offices of the NAVY RELIEF SOCIETY, 5th Avenue and 57th Street, New York City, disclosed that at the present time the only office of this organization in New York is located at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York. Miss KAYE of this office advised that there was no record of Navy Relief ever having maintained an office at 5th Avenue and 57th Street and, further, that the organization had no paid employees in the period from February, 1942 to May, 1942 when the applicant stated he was employed by the group. Miss KAYE made inquiry of individuals who were associated with Navy Relief in 1942 but none of these persons recalled applicant as a volunteer worker.

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Mr. HARRY FLORY, Foreign News Manager, UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS, 220 East 42nd Street, New York City, stated that he was European manager of UNITED PRESS during the period, 1935 to 1937, when the applicant was a staff correspondent in Germany. Mr. FLORY was unable to locate a record showing exact dates of the applicant's employment but recalled that the applicant covered the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. Mr. FLORY stated that the applicant was taken on by UP through his friendship with GEORGE HAWKINS, son of the Chairman of the Board of SCRIPPS HOWARD newspapers. He also advised that the applicant's superior in Germany was FRED OECHSNER, Central European News Manager, who is now in Washington, D. C. Mr. FLORY stated that he personally, had a great liking for the applicant and considered him to be an average American college boy. He added that he knew nothing unfavorable concerning his loyalty or patriotism, although he emphasized that he has not seen the applicant since 1937.

REFERENCES:

Mr. ALLEN W. DULLES, attorney, 48 Wall Street, New York City, stated he has known the applicant for about three years and that the applicant served under him in the OSS during the war. Mr. DULLES stated that he was very closely associated with HELMS for a period of three months in Germany in 1945 and watched his work during the remainder of his service overseas. Mr. DULLES stated that he considered the applicant to be of excellent character and reputation and would trust him implicitly with any confidential position. He added that HELMS is definitely a loyal and patriotic citizen and as far as he knows has never been connected with any un-American groups or individuals.

Mr. JOHN W. GARDNER, Executive Associate, CARNEGIE CORPORATION, 522 5th Avenue, New York City, stated that he has known HELMS since 1943 when they were both with the OSS and shared office space in Washington, D.C. Mr. GARDNER stated that he went overseas in September, 1944 and did not see HELMS again until the end of the war. Since then, he advised, their friendship has continued and they have visited frequently both in Washington and New York.

Mr. GARDNER stated that he would recommend the applicant in the highest possible terms, that he has great respect for his ability, integrity, loyalty and patriotism and has never known him to have any foreign sympathies or to have been associated with anti-American groups or movements.

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Mr. GARDNER stated that he has only a casual acquaintance with the applicant's wife and has been unable to form any opinions concerning her.

Mr. MARK FERREE, Assistant General Business Manager, Scripps Howard Newspapers, 230 Park Avenue, New York City, advised that he was formerly Business Manager of the Indianapolis Times and was closely associated with HEIMS from 1937 to 1942 when the latter was advertising manager of the paper. Mr. FERREE described the applicant as a hard-working, ambitious and conscientious individual who takes great pride in his work and strives to do a good job in all his undertakings. He stated that HEIMS' character and reputation are excellent and his patriotism and loyalty above reproach.

Mr. FERREE stated that the applicant's wife, whose maiden name was JULIA BRETZMANN, was formerly married and divorced from FRANK SHIELDS, president of the BARBASOL COMPANY of Indianapolis. SHIELDS is now deceased. Mr. FERREE stated that although he did not know the details or reason for the divorce, it was a well known fact that SHIELDS drank heavily. According to Mr. FERREE, the BRETZMANN family are socially prominent in Indianapolis.

CREDIT & CRIMINAL

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the New York Police Department contain no information relative to the applicant.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

BS FILE NO. **118-831 CVM**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>12/20/47</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>12/8,9,15/47</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <b>GEORGE W. FALLON</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>HELMS graduated from Williams College 1935, Magna Cum Laude. Scholarship and leadership and extra-curricular activities denote him as outstanding student. Attendance at Institute La Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, 1929-1930 verified. Reference and other contacts report HELMS as outstanding gentleman of highest calibre in every respect. Loyalty to U. S. above reproach.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 40%;"> <p><b>Reference:</b> Bureau file 118-2978. Bureau letter to Washington Field dated 12-6-47.</p> <p><b>Details:</b> The investigation at Williamstown, Mass., was conducted by SA Charles F. Ahern. The check of the credit and criminal records at Boston, Mass., was made by SE Richard W. Kelly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Dean RAYMOND R. R. BROOKS, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., advised that the applicant was a student there from 9-28-31 to 6-17-35, at which time he was awarded a degree of A. B. Magna Cum Laude. His major subject was English. The applicant's scholastic record indicated that he received several honors and awards for his outstanding character, service to the school, community spirit, etc. He was a member of the college chapter of Phi Beta Kappa honorary</p> </div> <div style="width: 55%; border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-left: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: right;">-RUC-</p> <p>AGENCY <u>118-831-1</u>              REC'D <u>12/21/47</u>              REP'T FORW. <u>12/21/47</u>              BY <u>George Fallon</u></p> </div> </div>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>E. J. Ahern</i> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <small>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</small> </div>		<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small> </div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">             118-2978-13         </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">             EX-100         </div>	
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fraternity, President of the Gargoyle Club, an honor society, and was his Class President. He also served as Editor-in-Chief of both the college year book and the undergraduate organ. He was recorded as having been born at St. David's, Pennsylvania, on March 30, 1913. His prior educational background was given as the Institute Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, from 1929 to 1930, and under a private tutor from 1930 to 1931.

A certification from the Institute La Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, reflected that the applicant had attended that school from September, 1929, to July, 1930. He studied academic subjects and was highly recommended by the principal of the Institute, Mr. H. CARNAL. The college files contained no verification of the applicant's alleged attendance at the Realgymnasium, Freiburg, Germany.

The 1935 issue of the "Gulielmensian", Williams College year book, set forth that in the class election the applicant was the choice of his classmates for the following designations:

1. The class member who had done the most for Williams
2. The most respected class member
3. Most brilliant class member (3rd choice)
4. Most versatile (2nd choice)
5. Most likely to succeed
6. Class politician
7. Had biggest drag with the faculty (2nd choice)

#### REFERENCE

JOHN C. GEILFUSS, an attorney in the firm of Herrick, Smith, Donald, Farley and Ketchum, 1 Federal Street, Boston, Mass., has been well acquainted with the applicant since they entered Williams College together as classmates, graduating in 1935. He was in close association with HELMS during college years, being in the same class, fraternities, honor societies, and extra-curricular activities. He has been in constant correspondence with HELMS and during the war lived with HELMS in Washington, D. C. for a period of time when both were in the service. During the college years HELMS was recognized as being the outstanding man in the class and in his senior year was President of his class, President of Gargoyle, an honor society, and recognized as a good scholar. Upon graduation, HELMS entered employment with the United Press as a staff correspondent in Europe, serving primarily in Berlin. After about two years in this type of work HELMS decided that the future for foreign correspondents was decidedly limited and thereupon

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returned to the United States and took employment with the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, specifically as the Advertising Manager of the paper in Indianapolis. He remained in this employment until 1942, when he entered the United States Navy as a Lieutenant (jg), assigned to ONI, New York City. Since his separation from the service, HELMS has been employed by the Central Intelligence Group in Washington, D. C.

According to GEILFUSS, HELMS is the highest calibre gentleman of his acquaintance. He is thoroughly honest, reliable, trustworthy, sincere and conscientious. His loyalty to the United States is above reproach. GEILFUSS has on numerous occasions discussed domestic and international politics and ideologies with HELMS and at no time during these discussions has HELMS voiced any opinion contrary to the recognized policy of the United States Government. He is in full sympathy with the ideologies of the United States and GEILFUSS is firm in his statement that there was no trace of any other political ideals in HELMS' mind as expressed by his conversational thoughts.

Both GEILFUSS and HELMS were classmates of one CARL MARZANI, who was convicted in May 1947, while an employee of the United States State Department, on the charge of withholding his affiliation with the Communist Party. According to GEILFUSS, HELMS never associated particularly with MARZANI and never voiced acquiescence to MARZANI's ideas which, during the latter's college years, were radical. HELMS was not at all sympathetic to MARZANI at the time of his conviction. A letter was circularized to all graduates of Williams College in the Class of 1935 by one SWEEZY, a lecturer at Harvard, petitioning clemency for MARZANI, and it is known to GEILFUSS that HELMS was not in accord with these views as expressed in this letter.

HELMS is a man who could be trusted with any type of confidential mission or information. The financial background of HELMS' family is such that the applicant does not work for the Government out of necessity, rather he likes public service and the type of work in which he is currently engaged and has decided to make it his career. GEILFUSS desires to give HELMS the highest type of recommendation possible.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

JOHN F. DINGWALL, former-Special-Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 161 Devonshire Street, Boston, Mass., was contacted. He stated that he graduated from Williams College in the Class of 1937 and has advised that he was acquainted with the applicant in college and recalls him to be very well thought of at the time and to be exceptionally active in college affairs

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and functions. HELMS' sister is married to a very close friend of DINGWALL's, one Dr. HAWN, who is known to DINGWALL as a high-type gentleman. HELMS was two years ahead of DINGWALL in college and at the time DINGWALL was well acquainted with him and advised that the applicant was of the highest type in every respect. DINGWALL has not had any close association with HELMS since graduation from college and recalls that while at college HELMS was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Gargoyle, an honor society, and active in several other campus activities.

DINGWALL is well acquainted with JOHN C. GEILFUSS, a Reference, and knows him to be a fine man and presently a practicing attorney in the City of Boston.

DINGWALL recalls that HELMS was a classmate of CARL A. MARZANI, who on May 15, 1947, was convicted as a State Department official on eleven counts of failing to disclose his Communist Party affiliation in the Federal loyalty test. DINGWALL recalled that MARZANI was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Gargoyle, which latter society in 1935 had 22 members which met weekly. MARZANI was an agitator type in college and active in many extra-curricular activities, however, DINGWALL recalls that HELMS was not especially friendly with MARZANI but of necessity was associated with him to some degree due to the smallness of Williams College and the club-like atmosphere of its various groups and functions.

Mr. FREDERICK C. COPELAND, Director of Admissions, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., and a classmate of the applicant, recalled the applicant as an outstanding member of the Class of 1935. He described HELMS as a very popular student, of excellent character and associates, and one whose conduct and expressions never gave rise to any question about his loyalty to the United States.

Mr. WHITNEY S. STODIARD, Art Instructor and member of the Class of 1935, Williams College, described the applicant as a high-ranking member of his class, a man of excellent associations, and one whose character, integrity, and loyalty were on a high plane. He stated that the applicant was a man who had traveled widely and recalled that after his graduation he served as a correspondent for the United Press in Germany in 1936. He advised that to his knowledge the applicant's foreign travel had not induced him toward sympathy for any foreign system of government.

Professor NELSON S. BUSHNELL, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., recalled the applicant as an outstanding student of excellent character. He had no reason to doubt the applicant's loyalty to the United States.

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D. E. WOODARD, Manager, Certified Credit Service, North Adams, Mass., advised that he had no references on the applicant.

Mrs. HELEN FERGUSON, Probation Officer, Williamstown, Mass., checked the arrest files of her office, with negative results.

The records of the Massachusetts Board of Probation, Boston, Mass., reflect that RICHARD HELMS, who was born March 30, 1913, St. David's, Pennsylvania, of 295 Tillow Street, South Orange, New Jersey, was fined, on June 5, 1935, in the amount of \$10, which he paid, for a violation of Section 116-A. It should be noted that this is a violation of the motor vehicle laws of the State of Massachusetts.

The Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, 52 Chauncy Street, Boston, Mass., had no record of the applicant.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Albany, New York</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-20-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-13-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HOWARD F. CULLINGS</b>
TITLE  <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>APPLICANT (Central Intelligence Group)</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Sister of applicant investigated with favorable results. Credit satisfactory. Criminal negative -- at Cooperstown, New York.

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AGENCY *Tell. Bureau & Field Agent*  
 REQ. REC'D *12/11/47*  
 REP'T FORW. *12/17/47*  
 BY *Dugan*

Reference:

Bureau File 118-2978.

Bureau letter to Washington, 12-6-47.

Details:

AT COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK

Mrs. EDWARD LINDSAY, 56 Chestnut Street, stated that she has known sister of applicant from July 1947 to the present time and has found her to be a good neighbor, with a fine reputation in town, of excellent character, and both applicant's sister and her husband are loyal to the United States and have given her no reason to believe to the contrary.

Mrs. A. SHEPARD, 58 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, stated that she has known Mrs. ELIZABETH HAWN from the time she moved here, which was about July 1, 1947, and found her to be well liked by both herself and all neighbors; that her husband is a prominent doctor at the hospital in Cooperstown; that they enjoy a good reputation and have given Mrs. SHEPARD no reason to believe that they were disloyal to the United States.

Mr. R. ELLSWORTH, 52 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, stated that Mrs. HELMS has been here for a short time but that both she and her husband appear to be good people, of good reputation and character; have not been in any trouble and from brief conversations do not appear to be disloyal to the United States.

None of the persons above listed were acquainted with applicant himself.

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The Oneonta Credit Bureau, at Oneonta, New York, which covers Cooperstown, New York, rated Mr. HAWN, husband of ELIZABETH HELMS HAWN, as having a good credit rating and was negative on ELIZABETH HAWN.

The Sheriff's Office at Cooperstown had no record on the above persons.

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TITLE <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT-CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:      Neighborhoods favorable, nothing derogatory. No evidence of foreign sympathies of either HELMS or his family. Police negative, credit satisfactory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p>REFERENCE:              Bureau File #118-2978. Bureau Letter to Washington Field 12/6/47.</p> <p>DETAILS:                <u>EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Mr. ROY S. CLAGCOMB, Headmaster, Carteret School, West Orange, New Jersey, formerly Carteret Academy, West Orange, advised that the school records are somewhat mixed up as a result of the school changing hands recently and stated that at the present time he could give nothing official as far back as 1929. Mr. CLAGCOMB, however, together with Mr. HAROLD LAITY, head of the psychology department in the school, stated they both remembered HELMS attending the school between approximately 1920-1929 as they were members of the faculty at that time and taught HELMS in class.</p> <p>Mr. CLAGCOMB and Mr. LAITY asserted that they considered HELMS a person of superior intelligence and mental integrity who they felt would turn out to be a person of splendid character, habits and true Americanism. Both stated they knew nothing of HELMS since he left the school but considered the reputation of him and his family to be excellent at that time in all respects.</p>			
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They knew of nothing derogatory concerning HELMS or any member of his family.

NEIGHBORHOOD

All neighbors were specifically questioned regarding HELMS and his parents' foreign sympathies, and all stated that they felt HELMS and his family had no foreign sympathies.

Mr. and Mrs. LARS HEADSTROM, 378 Fairview Avenue, Orange, New Jersey, advised that the HELMS were fine neighbors and well thought of in the neighborhood. Mrs. HEADSTROM stated that she has known HELMS and his parents for about twenty years. Mr. HEADSTROM advised that he has been acquainted with HELMS for about eight years. Both advised that at that time they considered HELMS and his parents to be loyal Americans of excellent character, habits and associations and asserted that they knew nothing derogatory about them.

Mrs. D. C. FEISNER, 370 Fairview Avenue, Orange, New Jersey, was interviewed at the above address and Mr. D. C. FEISNER was interviewed at his place of business, 41 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, New Jersey. Both stated that they held HELMS and his parents in as high regard as the HEADSTROMs on all points mentioned above. Mrs. FEISNER stated she has been following HELMS' career since he was a young boy. Mr. FEISNER asserted that he was a teacher at the old Carteret Academy and taught HELMS while he was there. Both stated that the only thing foreign about HELMS is that he speaks German fluently and was partially educated in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. FEISNER felt that there was no question of HELMS loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. FREDERICK A. SAMUELS, 315 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that she has been a neighbor of the HELMS family for about four years and that she does not particularly like the family because of their aloofness. Mrs. SAMUELS said she does not know RICHARD HELMS but asserted that the other members of the family appear to be persons of good character and habits and that she has no reason to question their loyalty to the United States. She knew of nothing derogatory concerning them.

Mrs. WILLIAM BARLOW, 305 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that she has been in the neighborhood about two years and that she does not know RICHARD HELMS. She stated, however, that the HELMS family are respected neighbors and as far as she can determine are persons of good character, habits and loyal Americans. Mrs. BARLOW stated that she knew of nothing derogatory about the HELMS family.

Mrs. THOMAS E. WARD, 284 Tillou Road, South Orange, stated he has known the HELMS family from five to seven years, but that she does not know RICHARD HELMS. She stated that she has heard of RICHARD HELMS and his

reputation is good as far as she can determine. Mrs. WARD stated that HELMS' father is odd and that she does not particularly get along with him, but that HELMS' mother and the rest of the family appear to be fine people. Mrs. WARD asserted that she actually does not know but feels that the family are loyal to the United States. Mrs. WARD did not feel in a position to comment on any foreign sympathies HELMS or his family might have, but stated that she was not aware of any.

Mr. PAUL J. CUPP, 556 Irving Terrace, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that he remembers HELMS living at 562 Irving Terrace for a short period but stated that he never did get a chance to meet him as HELMS was away most of the time. HELMS' parents attended the same church as CUPP in South Orange and they are very well thought of in that community. Mr. CUPP stated that he has known HELMS' parents for several years and feels that they are loyal Americans. Mr. CUPP further stated that HELMS and his wife were considered good neighbors and knew nothing derogatory of them. Mr. CUPP asserted that he could think of nothing that would lead him to believe that the HELMS family had any foreign sentiments.

Mrs. H. P. GREEN, 722 Berkley Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that she met HELMS on only one occasion, but that she knew of nothing derogatory concerning his character, habits, associates and loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. ANNA H. BALDWIN, 332 Lawnridge Road, South Orange, New Jersey, advised that she has known HELMS since he was a small boy and at one time gave him piano lessons. Mrs. BALDWIN stated that she thinks very highly of HELMS and his family but that she is not familiar with his activities in recent years as he has been away most of the time. Mrs. BALDWIN asserted that HELMS was a fine boy of upstanding principles and always eager to do the right thing and that she did not think he could go wrong. Mrs. BALDWIN advised that in her mind HELMS and his family are loyal Americans and persons of good character and habits of whom she knows of nothing derogatory.

The two last mentioned addresses are in the neighborhood of Irving Terrace.

#### CREDIT

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark Incorporated, Newark, New Jersey, disclosed that the credit of HELMS as of June 21, 1946 and that of his father as of October 10, 1940 were satisfactory.

#### POLICE

The records of the Orange and South Orange Police Departments were checked against the name of HELMS and his family with negative results.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/29/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/26,29/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DONALD J. STEELE DJS:OF</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT -- CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant's wife divorced FRANK SHIELDS 9/30/38 on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Applicant and applicant's wife regarded as good character, reputation, loyal American citizens, and of good associates.

AGENCY

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### REFERENCE:

Teletype from New York dated December 16, 1947.

Report of SA EBER PATTERSON dated December 20, 1947 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

### DETAILS:

Referenced teletype set out applicant's wife divorced from FRANK SHIELDS, formerly President of Barbasol Co., Indianapolis. SHIELDS deceased.

JULIA HELMS, nee BRETZMAN, comes from socially prominent Indianapolis family.

HELEN MILLER, First Deputy Clerk, Morgan County, Martinsville, Indiana supplied records indicating JULIA B. SHIELDS filed a complaint for divorce July 25, 1938. Plaintiff charged cruel and inhuman treatment, stating that defendant would not converse, quarrelled, lacked interest in plaintiff's physical and spiritual well being and criticized plaintiff in front of others.

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Defendant filed the answer which denied every material allegation in plaintiff's complaint. A divorce decree was granted September 30, 1938 in favor of plaintiff, granting custody of children, [redacted] and [redacted] \$75,000 alimony was granted with \$125 allowance per month for each child. \$20,000 in Barbasol stock was awarded plaintiff as agreed in pre-nuptial arrangements.

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HOMER ELLIOTT, Martinsville, Indiana stated that he was attorney for the plaintiff in the divorce and that he knew her by reputation but that his personal contacts with her had been very slight. He stated that her reputation in the community was good; that she was known to have come from a reputable Indianapolis family; and to the best of his knowledge, she was a loyal American citizen.

JAMES T. SARGENT, Secretary for the Barbasol Co., Indianapolis, a practicing attorney with offices at 307 Bankers' Trust Building, Indianapolis stated that he knew JULIA, the plaintiff in the divorce case, fairly well through his contacts with her husband, FRANK SHIELDS, President of the Barbasol Co. SARGENT stated that to the best of his knowledge, JULIA was a respected member of the community, was of good reputation and character, and he felt that she was innocent of any fault in her marriage. He stated that the divorce was the result of an argument between the couple.

FRED B. JOHNSON, 4115 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis stated that he knew applicant, RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, very well through his contacts with the newspaper business in Indianapolis. It was in the home of Mr. JOHNSON that HELMS and JULIA, his present wife, were introduced. He stated that he had known the present Mrs. HELMS for a period of many years; that he considered her to be of excellent reputation and character; to come from a fine family which was well thought of in Indianapolis; and to be of unquestioned loyalty to this country. He described her as a very intelligent, quick witted, and close observer of international affairs. JOHNSON stated that he considered applicant to be a cultivated gentleman who shows wisdom and good taste in all that he does, to be of impeccable morals, well born and bred, an individual with great foresight and judgment.

JOHNSON stated he has maintained close contact socially and in business affairs with applicant since they first met in 1937 and regards him as a very brilliant observer in the field of international politics. JOHNSON stated that there was no question in his mind of applicant's loyalty and stated that he was very well informed and very intelligent in his views regarding America's part in international affairs. JOHNSON stated that he believed applicant came from a very fine old American family and that there was nothing in his background, his past, or in any of his beliefs that could be

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considered as disloyal or un-American.

LOUIS D. YOUNG, Advertising Director, Indianapolis Times, home address, 5885 N. Delaware, Indianapolis stated that he knew applicant's present wife, JULIA, for many years before she married applicant, and he considered her to be of good reputation and of unquestioned loyalty to this country. He stated that Mrs. HELMS came from a prominent Indianapolis family and was very careful in the selection of her associates.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/20/47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12, 13, 17, 18, 19/47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER PATTERSON (A) EP:BMW</b>
TITLE <b>RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** HELMS employment in Indianapolis verified. Nothing unfavorable. Neighbors recommend as honest, of good character and loyal American. Credit and criminal negative. [REDACTED] has a good reputation in Bloomington, Indiana. NOBLE BREITZMAN, brother-in-law, reported in 1942 as being a loyal American but desiring a German victory over Britain.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file 118-2978

**DETAILS:** AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. WILLIAM B. ENGLER, General Advertising Manager, Indianapolis Times, advised that RICHARD HELMS was employed with that company April 20, 1937 to February 14, 1942 when he left to enter the military service. Mr. ENGLER stated that he considers HELMS honest, loyal and trustworthy. His associates are very good and ENGLER knows of no organizations to which HELMS belonged. He stated that HELMS was offered the same job upon his release from the Navy but HELMS refused. He described HELMS as being very intelligent with an excellent background. ENGLER stated that he would not hesitate to recommend HELMS considering his record with that company.

Mr. LOUIS D. YOUNG, Advertising Director, advised that HELMS began working for that company as a messenger and worked his way up to National Advertising Director. He considers HELMS as trustworthy, reliable and states that he has a good family

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background. Mr. YOUNG stated that he does not believe HELMS would ever be disloyal to this country in any way and he would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of trust.

#### NEIGHBORHOODS

Mrs. C. E. MC CUE, Executive Secretary, Indianapolis Athletic Club, stated that they have no records of guests dating back to 1937. However, she remembers HELMS very well as she was acquainted with his wife before their marriage. She described HELMS as very quiet and well liked. She stated that he seems honest, reliable, and of good character. Mrs. MC CUE doesn't believe HELMS would ever be disloyal to this country. She stated she knows of no organizations to which he belongs.

Mrs. CATHERINE B. GRIFFITH, 4014 Winthrop, stated that HELMS rented a room from her approximately one year and that he seems of excellent character, is honest, and sincere and made an ideal roomer. Mrs. GRIFFITH never heard anything or saw HELMS with any papers or literature that would cause her to doubt his loyalty as an American. She stated that she knows nothing of his associations or organizations to which he belongs. HELMS married a very nice woman, comes from a family with an outstanding reputation. She stated that she knows nothing of his qualifications or abilities but he seems very intelligent and aggressive.

Mrs. CHARLES MORELAND, 402 East Fifty-ninth Street, stated that HELMS didn't associate with anyone when they lived in that neighborhood and she considered his wife to be a social snob. She stated that he married a woman who was very wealthy. She stated that HELMS seemed to be of good character and she had no reason to doubt his loyalty. She stated that the only thing unfavorable she knew about him was that his wife had a son by a former marriage, that he was very annoying in the neighborhood.

Mrs. FREDERICK B. CLINE, 5890 North New Jersey, stated that HELMS seemed honest and sincere and that she believed his associates were only the best. She stated that she never had any reason to doubt his loyalty and he seems to be of good character.

Mrs. C. HARVEY BRADLEY, 4044 North Pennsylvania, stated that JULIA BRUTZMAN was living at 4030 Pennsylvania at the time of her marriage to HELMS and they lived there only a short time after the marriage. She stated that Mrs. HELMS was very interested in international politics. HELMS' character and reputation in the neighborhood are very good and she never heard either of them say anything or heard anything about them that would cause her to doubt their loyalty in any way. She stated that she knows of no organizations or clubs to which he belongs and knows nothing of his associates.

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The following were contacted but were unable to supply any information concerning HELMS.

Mr. JACK SMITH, 4024 Winthrop  
Mrs. W. T. MARTINDALE, 4022 Winthrop  
Mrs. MAURICE PERK, 321 East Fifty-ninth  
Mrs. ADAH E. CRAWFORD, 320 East Fifty-ninth  
Mrs. JOSEPH FOX, 4020 Pennsylvania  
Mrs. S. D. MURPHY, 4020 Pennsylvania

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The Indianapolis Police Department advised on February 18, 1942 that NOBLE BRETZMAN who is a brother of JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS was a radical sympathizer of Germany and HITLER. At the start of the war, he made the statement that he hoped the Germans would blow England off the map and was in favor of HITLER taking over all of Europe, throwing England clear out of the water, and letting HITLER run Europe the way it should be run. BRETZMAN had a copy of Mein Kampf which he kept on the coffee table at his apartment and used this about the same as anyone else would use a Bible. He always referred to this book for proof of anything he was talking about.

Mr. ANDREW HEPBURN, El Paso, Texas, a friend of BRETZMAN's advised Special Agent CHARLES C. SPANN on December 17, 1942 that NOBLE BRETZMAN was definitely anti-British but was not pro-German and is a loyal American. On February 4, 1943 BRETZMAN voluntarily appeared at the Indianapolis office and was interviewed by Special Agent JOSEPH W. RICHMOND. BRETZMAN stated that he was not a lover of England and probably never would be. However, he stated that neither was he a German sympathizer. When HITLER came to power, he first thought HITLER was doing a good job and prior to Pearl Harbor wanted to see Germany victorious over England. His belief was that the British Empire would fall regardless of the outcome of war. However, as the war continued, his opinion with regard to HITLER and the Nazis changed. HEPBURN stated that at the time of Pearl Harbor, BRETZMAN was completely disillusioned in regard to HITLER and became strongly opposed to both HITLER and the Nazi Government and was very anxious for a victory for the United States. He pointed out that in January 1942 immediately after Pearl Harbor he volunteered for any emergency duty. He was called in July 1942 and became an air raid warden. He held this position two or three weeks prior to the interview when he was compelled to resign due to his position in the Indiana State Guard, which he joined in August 1942.

The following investigation was conducted by SE S. THOMAS ROEDER.

The records of the Indianapolis Police Department were checked with negative results.

The files of the Merchants Credit Association failed to reflect anything unfavorable concerning HELMS.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT B. HAAG.

AT BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Records of Bloomington Police Department reflect no information concerning [REDACTED].

Records of Retail Merchants Credit Association reflect no information concerning [REDACTED].

Records of the Registrar, Indiana University, reflect that [REDACTED]. No derogatory information.

Records of Mr. LEO DOWLING, Assistant Dean of Students at Indiana University, reflect no disciplinary or derogatory information concerning [REDACTED].

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TITLE <b>RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICANT - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant commissioned Lieutenant (j.g.) USNR NSN 170590 June 6, 1942 to rank from April 1, 1942, released from active duty March 19, 1946. Employment OSI and CIG not verified. Reference, acquaintances, and neighbors regard applicant favorably as to character, reputation, patriotism, and loyalty. Credit favorable. CNI, MID contained nothing derogatory. Criminal, Civil Service Commission, House Committee on Un-American Activities, State Department negative. Following passports have been issued to the applicant: No. 33815, May 2, 1929; No. 100453, May 14, 1934; No. 9746, June 28, 1946.

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BY W. E. Trainor

Mr. IRVING G. WISNER, Deputy to Assistant Secretary of State for Occupied Areas, has known the applicant well since April 1945, when they met in Paris, at which time Mr. WISNER was on the staff of OSS and was the applicant's superior officer. Mr. WISNER has no information on the

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applicant's family background but regards him as a person of the highest character, and states there are few in the Government who can combine his qualities of intellectual ability, integrity, and loyalty. The applicant has excellent reputation, and formerly was employed as a newspaper man with United Press Association in Germany where he was friendly with WALLACE CARROLL who also was with the UP. Another close associate of the applicant is Mr. ALLAN DULLES, who was associated with the applicant in OSS. Mr. WISNER states that the applicant is entirely loyal and patriotic and he would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of trust and confidence. Mr. WISNER is unable to name any associates of the applicant outside of the circle of friends in OSS and CIC.

#### ACQUAINTANCES

Mr. CARL MCGOWAN, 3245 O Street Northwest, who formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest, met the applicant in the US Navy about 1942, and they have been very friendly ever since. The applicant's grandfather, Mr. MCGOWAN, was a banker in New York, and was head of the Bank of International Settlements. The applicant's wife is a divorcee, whom the applicant met in Indianapolis, Indiana during the time he was employed there by a newspaper. Mr. MCGOWAN regards the applicant as a man of the highest character without any reservation, and states that he is able and intelligent. He has excellent reputation, and is very popular, and at the time they resided at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest, was very popular with the several other bachelor residents at that address. Mr. MCGOWAN states there is no reason to question the loyalty, patriotism, trust, or confidence of the applicant. The applicant was formerly a career newspaper man, and served in Germany and is a notable linguist. Mr. MCGOWAN recommends the applicant without hesitation for any position in the Government.

Mr. CARL MCGOWAN was investigated for a position as Legal Counsel with the Atomic Energy Commission and nothing derogatory appears in his file.

Mr. ADRIAN S. FISHER, Solicitor, Department of Commerce, formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road at a bachelor hall called "Mockley," where he met the applicant about November 1943, when the applicant was serving in the U. S. Navy. Mr. FISHER believes the applicant has a German background, at least he is of German extraction and may have German relatives, although he is not certain of this. The applicant served with the United Press Association in Germany and lived there for sometime and acquired an excellent control of the German tongue. The applicant is a man of the highest character, extremely intelligent, and perceptive, and enjoys an excellent reputation, particularly with the group of friends who resided

at 2620 Foxhall Road. Mr. FISHER states there is no reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of the applicant, and has discussed the German situation with him on several occasions, and believes he has a good knowledge of what was going on. From this discussion, Mr. FISHER feels that the applicant was anti-Nazi. Mr. FISHER recommends the applicant for any position of trust and confidence as he believes he is a man of the utmost discretion and never disclosed any information to the group with whom he resided. Mr. FISHER has no information concerning any social, fraternal associations of the applicant, nor of friends or associates outside of the group that resided at 2620 Foxhall Road.

Mr. CORBURN KIDD, Central European Division, Department of State, has known the applicant since June 1945, and served with him in OIS, so that he can state that he has seen the applicant daily both professionally and socially. The applicant is a man of excellent character, who appears to be a man of some standing, and is perfectly genuine, honest, stable, and a moderate drinker. To the best of Mr. KIDD'S knowledge, there is no hint or suspicion to any weakness of character. The applicant is given wholeheartedly to business and has kept himself cheerful in spite of hard work and has always been self-collected under conditions in OIS that were very trying. Mr. KIDD states that the applicant's professional discretion is profound. The applicant enjoys an excellent reputation, and amongst his friends are Professor STEPHAN KENT, Professor of History at Yale University; Mr. JAMES W. FIDELLINGER, presently stationed with the Diplomatic Staff of the State Department at Berlin; Mr. STUART HUGHES, grandson of Chief Justice HUGHES; and Mr. HARVEY POSITZER and POINCE KIRKLEY, both of OIS. Mr. KIDD has no information concerning the family background, but states that the applicant has many friends, both in his present group and in different places that he has been, and has always carried himself as a gentleman of intellectual capabilities. Mr. KIDD recommends the applicant wholeheartedly, perhaps more than anyone else he has known for any position of trust and confidence, because of his character, cheeriness and calmness of thought.

T-1, a highly confidential source, furnishes information that Mr. CORBURN KIDD is a social acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEF LEO IGO, alleged to associate with Communists and sympathizers.

Mr. C. E. MOSE, President of the Pursey Trust Company, Washington, D. C., knew the applicant's father, who was a banker and called "Duke" by his friends, much better than the applicant. The applicant's father was connected with the Aluminum Corporation of America. The applicant's grandfather, Mr. GILES McCAFFRY, was formerly head of the Bank of International Settlements. Mr. MOSE regards the applicant and his family as persons of excellent character, and while he does not know him very

well, he has never known him to be in trouble of any kind. The applicant and his family enjoy a good reputation, and there has never been any reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of any one of them. Mr. POPE is unable to furnish any information concerning social or fraternal memberships of the applicant, nor his close personal associates. Mr. POPE says he would recommend the applicant for any position of trust and confidence in the Government, as he feels the applicant's home life would bear out that trust.

Mr. WILSON T. H. BEALE, Chief of the Division of Research for Europe, Department of State, has known the applicant since about 1945, and was formerly Executive Officer in the OSS and worked closely with the applicant overseas, and in Washington, D. C. He has known the applicant both socially and personally, and has occasion to visit the applicant's home frequently. Mr. BEALE has a high regard for the applicant's character, reputation, and personal intellectual accomplishments, and states that he has no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty or patriotism, of the applicant. Mr. BEALE has no information concerning the applicant's family background, and states he was acquainted with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest, which was a large home used as bachelor quarters by a number of persons in the Armed Forces, and where an average of about ten persons stayed at this address at any one time. But, due to the character of their work, there were many changes, and new faces appeared at that address from time to time. Mr. BEALE includes in the applicant's circle of friends, Mr. PHILIP "PAT" of the Washington Post, Mr. WILLIAM I. CARY, Professor of Law, Northwestern University, and Mr. EDWARD PRITCHARD. Mr. BEALE states that the group residing at 2620 Foxhall Road were a group of intellectual extroverts, and that all were hard workers, all were high type, and he feels that perhaps the harmony that existed in that house was because so many of the inmates were of the same type. The applicant apparently lived a very quiet life, was well liked and friendly with the group, and has been friendly with the group with whom he is employed. The applicant is very serious minded, but with this, has a good sense of humor. Mr. BEALE believes that the applicant would do well in a position outside of the Government, but imagines that the applicant has devoted himself to principles which the applicant believes are necessary for the work he is doing.

T-2, a reliable source of information, reflects that the name of WILLIAM CARY appears on the expired list of the Washington Book Shop Association, and his dues were last paid May 28, 1942.

Mr. DAGBERT E. HOWARD, International Attorney for the Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington, D. C., has known the applicant since early 1944, at which time they both resided at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest.

At this time Mr. EDWARD HOWARD was employed at the White House. Mr. HOWARD has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but regards him as a man of the highest character and reputation, a man who is serious, reliable, very intelligent, and somewhat idealistic. Mr. HOWARD lists among the applicant's friends Mr. JACK GILBERT; Mr. EDWARD POTTERMAN, who is now the Democratic National Committeeman at Paris, Kentucky, and at the time he resided at 2620 Foxhall Road, was a close associate of the Secretary of State BYRNE and Secretary of the Treasury WILSON; Mr. SAMUEL LYNDE who is a free-lance writer in Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. ROY CORBELL, who served with him in CIA. Mr. HOWARD states there is no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, or from the standpoint of trust and national security, he would give him top rating. The applicant has the reputation of having done a cracker-jack job during the war. The applicant is a type of person who is self-contained, and the only memberships Mr. HOWARD would suspect the applicant of having would be in connection with collegiate groups at Williams College. Mr. HOWARD believes that the applicant's ideal in Government service is in doing the important type of work that he is doing.

T-4, a confidential source of information, reflects that EDWARD R. HOWARD, a lawyer, was on the membership list of the American Peace Mobilization.

Mr. LEONARD BUCKLES, Chief, Division of Research for Europe, Department of State, has known the applicant since July 1945. He served with him in OSS in Germany, and has seen him frequently since that time. Mr. BUCKLES has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but regards the applicant as a man of very high character, of pleasant and intellectual disposition, who is regarded very highly and has an important position for a young man, and is well adapted to this position. The applicant has an excellent reputation, and has many friends, some of whom have achieved importance. Among these friends is Mr. FRED K. WISNER, Deputy to Assistant Secretary THURMAN, Department of State. The applicant has many friends in CIA, among whom his close associates are Mr. DONALD J. BOLLEY, Mr. HARVEY SCOTT, Mr. LEONARD STEIN, Mr. CHRISTOPHER, Mr. ALAN L. MILLER and his brother JACK CORBELL BUCKLES, and Mr. ANDREW KENNEDY, a journalist who at the present is assisting in the preparation of the memoirs of Mr. CORDELL HULL. Mr. BUCKLES states that the applicant is loyal and patriotic and solid, and there is no question of his trust from the standpoint of national security as he has had important jobs and has always done them without any question of his trust. Mr. BUCKLES believes that the applicant is interested in

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his work and likes it immensely and is interested in the techniques and methods of intelligence work, and has created for himself a professional attitude in this field. Mr. HUGHES recommends the applicant without reservation as he regards him as one of the best men in secret intelligence work, as he has great ambition as well as common sense.

T-1, a highly confidential source of information, states that Mr. CHAIBOURNE GILFATHIC is a social acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. JUST LUNNIG, alleged associates of Communists and sympathizers.

T-2, a reliable source of information, reflects Mr. CHAIBOURNE GILFATHIC appears on the membership list of the Washington Book Shop Association.

Mr. W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, Jr., 5018 N Street Northwest, Attorney, has known the applicant since about 1942, and has occasion to frequently exchange visits with the applicant. Mr. CLAYTOR resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest. He has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but regards the applicant as a man of the highest character, who has exhibited no weaknesses of character of any kind, and has always demonstrated himself to be emotionally stable. The applicant is a man of the highest reputation, and amongst his friends who formerly resided at 2620 Foxhall Road are Mr. EDWARD McELWAIN, Jr., WILLIAM FLUTE, both Washington Attorneys, Professor WILLIAM L. CARY, Jr., Northwestern University Law School, and Mr. ADRIAN S. FISHER, Solicitor, Department of Commerce. Mr. CLAYTOR states there is no reason to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, and from the standpoint of trust, he is a good security risk. Mr. CLAYTOR has no information concerning any social or fraternal memberships of the applicant, but regards him as the type of person who is not a joiner.

The name of W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, 701 Union Trust Building, appears on the list of persons and organizations registered with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act of June 8, 1938, as amended, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals dated January 2, 1941.

Mr. DAVID F. STRONG, 4716 48th Street Northwest, is employed with the applicant in CIA. He has known the applicant for about one and a half years both in OSS and CIA, but almost entirely at the office. The applicant came from field work in Berlin to be Branch Chief at CIA in Washington, D. C. Mr. STRONG has no information concerning the applicant's family background, and believes the applicant was formerly with the United Press. He regards the applicant as a man of the highest

character above any reproach, definitely under control, but extremely nervous type of individual, although he seldom shows this outwardly. The applicant is stable and hard-working, but Mr. STONG believes that due to his nervous tension, he prefers to do his work entirely alone. He has always been very fair to all of the employees with whom he is associated. The applicant is a man of excellent reputation, and is friendly with many persons with whom he is presently associated in CIA, and with Mr. FRANCIS T. WILLIAMS and Mr. CONRARD KIDD of Central European Affairs, Department of State. The applicant is definitely loyal, patriotic, and entirely trustworthy from a security standpoint. Mr. STONG believes that the applicant presently gets about double the pay that he could normally make in the newspaper field, and has mentioned how hectic news work was and felt that due to changes in his makeup in the war years, he could not undertake this hectic life again. Mr. STONG has no information concerning social, fraternal or personal memberships of the applicant, but thinks he is not the joiner type. Mr. STONG states that he definitely recommends the applicant for any position in the Government, as he has a great intellectual capacity.

#### REFERENCE

Mr. STEVEN B. L. PEMROSE, 7100 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, employed Office Secretary of National Defense, met the applicant about January 1945, when they both served in CGI. The applicant's mother's family, the LECHMANS, are well-known bankers. The applicant attended Williams College and was a newspaper man. The applicant's wife, JULIA, from Indianapolis, Indiana, was previously married to Dr. SULLIVAN, the inventor of Parbasol, who was much older than the applicant's wife. They had two children before the divorce. The applicant's wife is a home-maker and has sculpture for a hobby. The applicant is a man of outstanding character, with no weaknesses of any kind ever observed. He is stable and well orientated. He is calm and dispassionate. The applicant also enjoys an excellent reputation, mostly amongst friends with whom he is employed in CGI, and a few with whom he was formerly associated with in CGI. Mr. PEMROSE states there is no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, and he would give him the highest rating from a standpoint of trust and national security. Mr. PEMROSE lists among the applicant's close associates, Mr. WALLACE DEWELL, correspondent with the Chicago Daily News. Mr. PEMROSE does not believe the applicant is a member of any organization outside of the fraternities at Williams College. He regards the applicant as not being the student type, but does not hesitate to recommend him, as he considers him as one of our most solid citizens.

Mr. LUFK ELLY ARSELL, 108 West Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, Attorney, Washington, D. C., has known the applicant since about March 1946, but has no information concerning family background. The applicant's wife is a divorcee from Indianapolis, who was formerly married to one of the Executives of the Carbosol Company. The applicant is a man of the highest character, very moderate drinker, well oriented, who keeps a very nice and neat home in which he is quite interested, and has an excellent reputation, and therefore, is a very desirable neighbor. The applicant is a linguist and excels in the German tongue due to his German background and education in Germany. Mr. ARSELL states there is absolutely no question as to his loyalty and patriotism, and from the standpoint of trust and confidence, he is very close-mouthed and an extremely high-grade citizen. Mr. ARSELL is interested and active in Williams College Alumni Association and believes that beyond that he is not a member of any fraternal organization.

T-3, a highly confidential source, reflects that Mr. LUFK ELLY ARSELL was a board member and attended meetings at the National Executive Committee of the National Lawyers' Guild, Washington, D. C., April 2, 1937, and information discloses that he is on the membership list and his dues were last paid August 19, 1939. At two Executive Board meetings in Washington, D. C., dated February 18, 1938, and February 20, 1939, Mr. ARSELL was absent.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES E. McGLORIN, 53 West Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, had known the applicant as a neighbor and regards him as a man of excellent character and reputation. Mr. McGLORIN first met the applicant about 1942 when they resided together at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. The applicant is a man of unquestioned character, emotionally stable, and the home type of individual. He enjoys the highest reputation, and amongst his friends may be listed Mr. EDWARD McELMAIN, Washington Attorney; Mr. DAVID H. HOWARD, of the Foreign Liquidation Division; Mr. HARRY M. CUMMIS, son of WILLIAM L. CUMMIS, AIG; and Mr. JACK CHILPUS, all of whom resided at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest. Mr. and Mrs. McGLORIN state they have no reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of the applicant, and they would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of trust and confidence.

Mrs. FLORENCE E. ROSE, wife of Mr. ARTHUR E. S. ROSE, British Representative of the International Bank, 103 West Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, who is a British subject and has resided next door to the applicant since May 1947, has been friendly with the applicant and his family and regards them highly. The applicant is employed in the Government and the applicant's wife, formerly Mrs. SMITH, is a house maker and has two children, JUDY SMITH by her former marriage, and DAVID ELLY, son of the applicant. Mrs. ROSE has no information concerning the family

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background but regards the applicant as a man of excellent character, and mentally stable. She states that she regards the applicant as a loyal and patriotic American who has served in the U. S. Navy and states that he has always exhibited himself to be a gentleman of the highest character.

Mrs. MARION H. HOLLAND, 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, has known the applicant for about two years, but has no information concerning the family background. The applicant and his wife have always exhibited excellent character. She regards them as suburban people, emotionally stable, and excellent neighbors. To the best of her knowledge, the applicant enjoys an excellent reputation, and she has been to cocktail parties at which the applicant and his wife were present. Mrs. HOLLAND states there is no reason to question the loyalty, patriotism, trust and confidence of the applicant.

T-4, a confidential source of information, reflects that Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND was on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. In 1940, she was a member of the same.

Mr. ARTHUR T. LYON, 109 Bradley Lane, and Miss B. P. CAMPBELL, 117 West Bradley Lane, do not know the applicant or his family, even by sight, but have never heard any rumor against the character, reputation, or loyalty of the family residing at the applicant's address.

#### EMPLOYMENT

The applicant's personnel file, Bureau of Naval Personnel, reflects the applicant was born March 30, 1913 at St. Davids, Pennsylvania. Prior to entering Naval service, he was employed as a volunteer, the Navy Relief Society Campaign, Headquarters, New York City. The applicant was educated at Carteret Academy, West Orange, New Jersey, from 1920 to 1929; Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, from 1929 to 1930; Realgymnasium, Weiltburg, Germany from 1930 to 1931; Williams College, Massachusetts, from 1931 to 1935, graduated with a BA Degree (HCL) and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Chi Psi Fraternity, Carquoyle Society, Williams College, the Indianapolis Literary Group, Woodstock Club, the Contemporary Club, the Professional Men's Quorum and the Trailers Point Hunt Club at Indianapolis, Indiana. The applicant was employed by the United Press Association at London the summer of 1935 until November 1935, and in Berlin from November 1935 to 1937 when he resigned and joined the Indianapolis Times, where he worked until February 15, 1942, when he resigned to become a volunteer worker and Public Relations Officer, the Navy Relief Society, New York. The applicant's file contains letters of reference from the following persons:

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- 3-4-42 - LOUIS D. YOUNG, Advertising Manager, Indianapolis Times.
- 3-4-42 - BOOTH TARKINGTON, 4270 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis.
- 3-5-42 - RUSSELL J. RYAN, Justice, Superior Court, Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 3-2-42 - HERBERT FICKAM of Barnes, Hickam, Pantzer & Boyd, 1313 Merchants Bank Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 3-7-42 - WALLACE E. DRELL, Special Assistant to Colonel WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, Coordinator of Information, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.
- 3-9-42 - WILLIAM L. SHIPER, Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., 485 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.
- 3-3-42 - EARL J. JOHNSON, Vice President, United Press Association, News Building, New York City.
- 3-5-42 - WILLIAM W. HAZINS, Chairman of the Board, Scripps-Howard Newspapers, 230 Park Avenue, New York.
- 5-2-42 - MARK WEBER, Business Manager, The Indianapolis Times.

Certificate of birth in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reflects that RICHARD McCAPRAN HELLS was born March 30, 1913. The applicant's father - HERMAN HENRY HELLS, twenty-nine, born New York. The applicant's mother - MATION LAVINIA McCAPRAN, twenty-three, born New York.

The file contains a memorandum from Lieutenant FRANK WULKLEY, USMP, Assistant Public Relations Officer, to Commander D. E. PATTERSON, USNR which states that Commander JAMES G. STALLMAN, USNR, Officer in Charge, Office Director of Public Relations, requested the applicant be commissioned and assigned to the Director of Public Relations. The

applicant's medical examination dated March 13, 1942 reflects temporary tachycardia, temporary hypertension, and thirty-four pounds underweight. The applicant was not qualified for appointment to USNR, unless defects were waived. The applicant was rejected by the Chief of Bureau of Navigation. A letter dated April 17, 1942, endorsed by the Director at the Office of Public Relations, Secretary of the Navy, stated that the applicant's services were not required in the Office of Public Relations, which was signed F. A. HEPBURN by H. W. GORDON, Jr.

On May 27, 1942, DOSS P. HIRSHFELD, Office of Public Relations, requested the Bureau Naval Personnel to return the applicant's application for re-consideration. The Board of Medical Examiners, U. S. Navy, rejected the applicant's application by letter dated April 9, 1942, and a survey was requested April 24, 1942 by ADOLPHUS ANDREWS. The applicant was commissioned Lieutenant (j.g.) June 6, 1942 to rank from April 1, 1942, and was promoted to Lieutenant May 1, 1943. He was transferred to the Director of Strategic Services, Psychological Warfare July 9, 1943 under EDWARD L. TAYLOR and G. EDWARD BOXTON. The applicant served in the Headquarters, Eastern Sea Frontier, August 29, 1942 to August 11, 1943, and a fitness report reflected he is outstanding. Applicant was transferred to OSS, Washington, D. C., under Captain WARD L. DAVIS, USN, August 16, 1943 to March 31, 1944. His efficiency rating was outstanding. From April 1, 1944 to January 8, 1945 the applicant served in OSS under Lieutenant Commander K. HUNTS, USNR. His efficiency was excellent. The applicant served in the OSS in London under GEORGE L. GRAVESON, USNR and Captain JACK H. DUNCAN, USN. Applicant was promoted to Lieutenant Commander June 14, 1945, and was transferred by executive order October 11, 1945 from OSS to the State and War Departments and was released from active duty March 19, 1946.

Captain PAUL CASSARD, USN, President Border Review, Exos, United States Navy, Washington, D. C., informed the writer that he did not recall the applicant, and certainly did not know him socially. Captain CASSARD believes that whatever efficiency ratings he signed were correct at the time. Captain CASSARD telephonically contacted Captain JOHN T. C. STAFFER, USN, who also was unable to recall the applicant while under his command, and both suggested that Lieutenant Commander GORDON STOUT, USNR be contacted in regard to the applicant.

Captain WARD L. DAVIS, USN, 3321 Wisconsin Avenue Northwest, was unable to recall the applicant but felt that the applicant's fitness report properly reflected his ability at the time Captain DAVIS signed it.

Mr. WALLACE CARROLL of New World Weekly Incorporated, 1712 8th Street Northwest, first met the applicant in 1935 in Geneva when

he was overseas with his father and mother, at which time he was head of UP in Berlin. Mr. CARROLL requested UP to assign the applicant to his staff while the applicant was overseas.

Mr. CARROLL has met the applicant from time to time since and has always regarded him as a man of the highest character and reputation, and has never known anything about him other than good. He has always found him to be a hard worker, intelligent, very sober, and responsible and has no reason whatsoever to question his loyalty or patriotism. The applicant spoke German fluently and was a great service to UP because of this fact. Mr. CARROLL would not hesitate to recommend the applicant for any position of trust or confidence, as he is highly interested in this type of work and enjoys it from the standpoint of true principles. Mr. CARROLL states that he has attempted to interest the applicant in the new publishing venture of the New World Weekly Incorporated.

Mr. FREDRICK OICHNER, 3812 Fulton Street Northwest, was formerly with United Press Association in Germany, and met the applicant about 1934 in Berlin, at which time he was on a trip with his parents, following his graduation from college. Mr. OICHNER felt that the applicant would make a good man for UP and contacted the London Office and suggested employment of the applicant, following which the applicant was sent over to the staff in Germany. Mr. OICHNER states that the applicant's father was a banker and he believes he was born in Germany, but is not certain of this fact. The applicant's grandfather, GABEL McGARRA, was a member of the Bank of International Settlements. The applicant's mother is American born. The applicant's brother, HAROLD FELMS was also employed by UP and was a log man at the Winter Olympics in 1936. Mr. OICHNER states that the applicant is a man of the very highest character, is clear-headed and had good reasons for decision that he had to make. The applicant is a clean-living man, and a high type who has a keen mind and strong ethical feelings. The applicant has an excellent reputation among newspaper men with whom he is associated, and there has never been any reason whatsoever to question his loyalty or patriotism as he is too high minded to violate any trust or confidence. The applicant is interested in the activities of Williams College and beyond that, Mr. OICHNER feels that he is not a member of any social, or fraternal group.

Mr. WALLACE P. DUMIL, 3026 Cambridge Northwest, Washington Correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, was formerly at the Berlin Bureau of United Press, where he met the applicant about ten years ago. The applicant served in OSI during the war and Mr. DUMIL has tried to get the applicant on his staff when they were located in Germany. Mr. DUMIL has no information concerning the applicant's family background except that one grandfather was the President of the Bank of International Settlements and that the applicant's wife is a divorcee. The applicant is a man of the

most unimpeachable and impeccable character, and is known to others as an intelligent and hard-working man who is regarded almost as perfect. The applicant has an excellent reputation for extraordinary integrity. Mr. DUELL meets the applicant occasionally, and regards his loyalty and patriotism as beyond any question. The applicant is a fact finder and no hazard to national security as he has an outstanding personality and character. Mr. DUELL believes the applicant's work and family consume most of his time, and he does not believe the applicant is the joining type other than perhaps the fraternities at Williams College.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Credit Bureau reflect the applicant has three accounts, all satisfactory, and a foreign report from Newark, New Jersey, dated June 22, 1946 reveals no credit record, but states the applicant has a very favorable reputation.

The records of the Metropolitan Police Department and Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department, Civil Service investigative files, and the House Committee on Un-American Activities contained no record of the applicant.

Mr. JAMES DONOVAN, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, State Department, advised that a check made by him of the pertinent indices of the State Department failed to reveal any further information regarding the applicant.

The records of OWI reflect an arrest for speeding at Lee, Massachusetts, June 5, 1935 at which time the applicant was fined \$10. Background investigation of November 1942 recommends the applicant highly. The records of MID contained nothing derogatory, on the applicant.

The files of the Passport Division, State Department, revealed that Passport No. 31815 was issued on May 2, 1929, to RICHARD McCAPPAN WEISS who stated he was born at St. Davids, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1913, and that his permanent residence was 407 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey. Instant passport was for travel to British Isles, France, Germany, Belgium and Holland for one year for travel purposes and the applicant stated he was a student. On April 29, 1931, instant passport was extended for two years by the American Consulate at Basel, Switzerland.

Passport No. 100453 was issued May 14, 1934 to RICHARD McCAPPAN WEISS for travel to England and France for three months on

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pleasure and again he stated he was a student. On May 7, 1946, the American Vice Consul at Berlin, Germany renewed instant passport for two years and at this time the applicant advised that he represented the United Press of America, Daily News Building, New York.

Special passport No. 9746 was issued on June 28, 1946 to the applicant who stated that his permanent residence was 103 West Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland. This passport did not indicate any designation, but on June 26, 1946, the Strategic Services Unit of the War Department advised the State Department that the applicant had been ordered to Switzerland, Austria and Germany and that he would report to the Strategic Services Officer at Frankfurt.

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- T-1 - A highly confidential source noted in the report of Special Agent JEROME M. GALLANO, Washington, D. C., June 12, 1947, Title: JULE LUMINE, Character: Special Inquiry, State Department, Internal Security - R. *reliable - access*

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- T-2 - A confidential informant,   known to the Bureau noted in the report of JOHN A. SHAPPEZ, Washington, D. C., April 18, 1944, Title: Washington Book Shop Association, Character: Internal Security - C. *reliable - access*

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- T-3 - A highly confidential source noted in the report of T. W. DANESEY, Washington, D. C., May 15, 1941, Title: National Lawyers' Guild, Character: Internal Security - C. *reliable - access*

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- T-4 - Report of SA T. W. DANESEY, Washington, D. C., January 21, 1941, Title: Washington Committee for Democratic Action, Character: Internal Security - C, which contains a photostat of the membership card of Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND. *reliable - access*

The following persons are mentioned as contacts in the Silvermaster Case, but no apparent information of significance in instant investigation appears. SHERMAN KENT, WILLIAM L. CAPY, STEPHEN B. L. BENFOSSE.

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- T-5 - Report of Special Agent T. W. DANESEY, Washington, D. C., February 17, 1941, Title: American Peace Mobilization, Washington Peace Mobilization, Character: Internal Security - C. *reliable - access*

The former address of the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road Northwest was included in a project requested by President TRUMAN in connection with a security check of State Department leaks. On April 24, 1945, Inspector M. E. LONNEA requested a technical surveillance at that address, which was listed in the names of JOHN C. GILFUSSE and DAGGETT H. FOWARD. Other persons residing at that address included Lieutenant BERNARD T. BRENNAN, Captain JAMES P. BOWELL,

Lieutenant Colonel HARRY E. GREEN,  
Lieutenant EDWARD A. McELMAIN, Major JOHN  
F. PUNWALLS, Lieutenant A. E. TATMAN,  
Lieutenant JOHN M. WOOLSEY, and JULES  
HANAFORD.

This surveillance was predicated on information that EDWARD F. RICHARD who resided there had been named in summary memorandum covering previous security leaks in the State Department. It is to be noted that these and other friends of the applicant resided at that address. There is no information available that indicates that the applicant was in any way involved in this surveillance. It was impossible to successfully complete this technical surveillance and this part of the project was discontinued April 27, 1945.

Mr. A. Rosen

October 3, 1955

Mr. C. H. Stanley

**RICHARD MC GARRAN HELMS**  
Central Intelligence Agency  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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**SYNOPSIS:**

Lee Davis Lauren, Captain, Air Force Reserves, interviewed at request of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in connection with current investigation of [redacted]. Only information Lauren had concerning [redacted] was what he obtained from Donald Surine. Lauren said he heard [redacted]

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Lauren also heard that Richard Helms of CIA was responsible more than anyone else for re-hiring so many former Office of Strategic Services (OSS) personnel whom General Donovan had eliminated for security reasons. Surine was also Lauren's source for this information. Applicant-type investigation conducted re Helms in 1948 and 1953 and reports were made available to CIA. Results of investigation favorable except allegation, not substantiated, that Helms in 1945 while with OSS improperly classified some reports as "biased and unreliable." Lauren during current interview also remarked he believes Jay Lovestone is still very communistic and that the apparatus of which Lovestone is a part is more dangerous to the United States than Communism. In 1953 Lauren submitted application for employment with Bureau desiring position of "Intelligence - Analyst - Writer." No consideration given to employing him as he did not have high school or college diploma.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the attached letter be sent Central Intelligence Agency. The letter does not identify Surine but reflects Lauren's source is a member of Senator McCarthy's staff.

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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Nichols, Room 5640 (Sent direct)

Mr. Belmont, Room 1742 (Sent direct)

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DETAILS:

An investigation is being conducted concerning [redacted] at the request of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). CIA included a request that the Bureau interview Lee Davis Lauren, who was alleged to be in possession of some "interesting information" concerning [redacted]. CIA also asked it be determined whether Lauren has any derogatory information concerning any other employees of CIA. Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, confidentially advised through Liaison channels that Lauren had indicated to a CIA official that he had been employed by Senator McCarthy's office and had access to information in that office and he made it quite clear that the information he possessed was in the files of Senator McCarthy.

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By letter dated September 21, 1955, the Washington Field Office advised that Lauren had been interviewed and had said the only information he had concerning [redacted] was hearsay and his source was Donald Surine of Senator McCarthy's staff. Lauren said he had heard [redacted]

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The only other CIA employee concerning whom Lauren had information was Richard Helms. Lauren's source again was Surine. Lauren said he heard Helms was responsible more than anyone else within CIA for re-hiring so many former Office of Strategic Services personnel whom General Donovan had eliminated for security reasons.

The Bureau has previously conducted two applicant-type investigations on Richard McGarrah Helms, who appears to be identical with the Richard Helms referred to by Lauren. The results were almost entirely favorable. One source, [redacted] did allege that while he, the source, was [redacted] some of his reports

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were filed in the "not used" files and classified "biased and unreliable." [ ] said five individuals, one of whom he named as Richard Helms, were responsible for classifying these reports and he considered these individuals pro-Communist because of the way his reports had been handled. He added he was certain none of the individuals were Communist Party members as they were too intelligent.

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During the current interview by the Washington Field Office Lauren said he is a captain in the United States Air Force Reserves and has worked for the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He said about a year ago he was in line for a high position in the State Department but he did not get the position and he believes there is a flag in State Department files against his name. He remarked that apparently the word has gone around, down through the Republican National Committee to the State Department, that he is anti-Semitic. He said this was untrue. He asked if the FBI could clear him pointing out that he still had top secret clearance with the Air Force. He was advised the FBI makes no recommendation for clearance of an individual for Government employment.

Lauren applied for a position with the Bureau in July, 1953, desiring to serve as an "intelligence - analyst - writer" at a salary of \$7500 per year. He did not have a high school or college diploma and accordingly was not offered employment by the Bureau.

During the current interview Lauren said that in 1952 he was the Subversive Intelligence Analyst at the Strategic Air Command and did research in Washington. In his research he had deduced that Jay Lovestone is still very communistic as far as Lauren is concerned and that the apparatus of which Lovestone is a part is more dangerous to the United States than Communism; that

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Lovestone and several labor attaches are part of an "apparatus which is inducing the United States into an international socialistic organization, diffusing our international definitions in economics, politics and culture." The Washington Field Office observed Lauren does not appear to have any information of value as to any particular person. Lauren was very anxious to discuss his theories on international Communism and of interlocking personalities in high places in the State and Labor Departments. He offered to make himself available at any time for further discussion on these points. He said that in his work for the Military and <sup>the</sup> Congressional Committee his particular specialty was practices and policies rather than personalities, and that he would have no interest in a person other than that the person might personify a certain set of practices.

It might be noted that in May, 1954, Lauren called at the Bureau and was interviewed by the Espionage Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division. At that time he desired to discuss matters relating to Jay Lovestone but could furnish no factual information concerning him. (61-1292-879)